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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SHUJI SUGIMOTO

Application No.: 10/693,180

Filed: October 24, 2003

For: STORAGE DEVICE
CONTROLLING APPARATUS
AND A CIRCUIT BOARD FOR
THE SAME

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 2603

Examiner: Unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2182

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

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